



News & Events

University News & Information

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California

March 21, 2005

Contact: Josh Machamer
Cal Poly Theatre and Dance Department
(805) 756-5560; jmachame@calpoly.edu

Hollywood Actors to Stage 'An Evening of Improv' at Cal Poly April 2

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Four members of the renowned Groundlings Improvisational Comedy Troupe will be joined on stage by student performers for "An evening of Improv, Act II" on Saturday, April 2.

The event, at 8 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre, is sponsored by Cal Poly's Theatre and Dance Department and FANS (Friends and Alumni Network of Supporters of the Cal Poly Theatre program).

Performing that evening will be television and film actors Mindy Sterling, Michael Hitchcock, Patrick Bristow and Brian Palermo plus about 40 students who earlier in the day are slated to participate in an improvisational workshop with the actors.

Each guest artist has a long history with the acclaimed Los Angeles improvisational company the Groundlings, as well as impressive film, television and stage credits.

Michael Hitchcock has had leading roles in "A Mighty Wind," "Best in Show" and "Waiting for Guffman." He is a producer and writer on the Fox television series "Mad TV."

Mindy Sterling has made television appearances in "Reno 911!" "Joey," "Ellen," "Just Shoot Me" and "The Larry Sanders Show." She is also widely known for her role as Frau Farbissina in all three "Austin Powers" movies. She has also appeared in "Spider-Man 2" as the voice of Aunt May and "Totally Blonde," among others.

Brian Palermo has a leading role on Bravo/NBC-TV's "Significant Others." He has guest starred on "Will & Grace," "Curb Your Enthusiasm," "Friends," and "3rd Rock From The Sun." He also appears in the film "Daddy Day Care."

Patrick Bristow is well known from his recurring role on the groundbreaking ABC sitcom "Ellen." He has also appeared on "Significant Others," "Malcolm in the Middle," "Curb Your Enthusiasm," "Seinfeld" and "The Larry Sanders Show." On film he has appeared in "Austin Powers" and the upcoming remake of "The Longest Yard."

The evening production will be the culmination of a daylong workshop that the actors will be leading for 40

local participants. Tickets to “An Evening of Improv” are \$15 and are on sale in advance or at the door the night of the performance. For tickets, call 756-2359 or e-mail mvaline@calpoly.edu.

#

[CP Home](#) • [CP Find It](#) • [Get Adobe Reader](#) • [Help Accessing Public Affairs Web Content](#)
[Cal Poly News Web](#) • [Cal Poly Magazine](#) • [Cal Poly Update E-newsletter](#)

[Giving to Cal Poly](#)

Public Affairs Office
California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo, CA 93407
805.756.1511
[E-mail Public Affairs](#)